

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1743 without my signature.

This bill would delay the provision of adequate housing, program, support and treatment space for the condemned inmates housed at San Quentin State Prison, which may create an unnecessary \$20 million General Fund cost.

When the current project was funded in 2003 the relevant fiscal, public safety, correctional officer and inmate safety, legal rights, and civil liberty considerations were discussed during the budget deliberation process and it was determined that San Quentin State Prison is the most appropriate place to house the condemned inmates. The only substantial change since that time is increased construction costs because of inflation in the construction industry. Every month this project is delayed results in approximately \$1 million of increased construction costs because of inflation pressures. Further delaying the project will only exacerbate this problem.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger